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LAND OFFICE AT LAS CRUCES, N. M.,

Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers, have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their respective claims, before the Probate Clerk of Lincoln Co. N. M., at his office in Lincoln on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1883, viz:

PABLO GARCILLA, on Pre-emption Declaration Statement, No. 82, for the e. 1/4, s. 1/4, sec. 12, Twp. 13, R. 2, range 26, e. He claims the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence, viz: Donatiano Molina, Manuel Torres, Augustin Chavez and Pedro B. Clifford, all of Lincoln Co., New Mexico.

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FRAUD.

The accession of the present Secretary of the Interior, would terminate it was hoped, the utter subservience of his department, to the railway land grabbers. On the contrary, the present secretary has given these gentry what they would hardly have dared to ask for from Carl Schurz. Notably in the transfer to the New Orleans Pacific of the Land Grant of the defendant "Backbone," road; itself a fraud from its inception. Not an acre of the grant was ever earned by the grantees. Not a spadeful of earth was ever turned under the charter. The New Orleans Pacific was not even built over the same designed line, and was in no sense, legal or otherwise, the "successor," of the dead and rotten fraud. Nevertheless Teller, gave away some hundreds of thousands of acres of valuable land in an old and thickly settled state, upon pretences, false in every particular, and so known to be, by every one having any knowledge of the facts.

It was hoped however, that coming from a mining state, Teller would have some regard for mining interests, at least to the extent of giving effect in the rulings of his department to the actual laws of the land. His course has been a disappointment in this, as in the other case. From the earliest date of mining patents, it has been the practice for the owner of the contiguous mining claims upon the same lode, to include them all in a single application, and receive for all a single patent. The practice was unchecked until an erroneous decision of the U. S. circuit court of Colorado, and we have the authority of the United States supreme court for the statement that "patents for mining ground of the value of many millions of dollars, have been issued on consolidated claims."

In February, 1882, the error of the U. S. circuit court of Colorado, was overruled on every point, by the unanimous decision of the United States supreme court. This court ruled in express terms, that "single entry and patent may embrace any number of contiguous locations."

By circular of June, 8th, 1883, approved by Teller, it is announced definitely, that "no application will be received, or entry allowed which embraces more than one lode location." And in recent letters to Registers and Receivers, the Commissioners of the general land office, justifies the illegal orders of the Department in the premises on the ground that, "irregularities and embarrassments are likely to arise therefrom." These very objections the supreme court has pronounced "absurd." The court has also made the remark that "requiring a separate application for each location, with a separate survey and notice, where several adjoining each other are held by the same individual, would confer no benefit beyond that accruing to the land owners from an increase of their fees. The public would derive no advantage from it, and the owner

would be subjected to onerous and often ruinous burdens.

In the light of the recent orders of the department, this may read as a stinging commentary of law and its probable motives.

The wealthy mine owner of course has his remedy. He can afford the expense of compelling the commissioners and secretary to submit to the law. The poor owner of a mine must however submit to be robbed, by order of the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, because its amount of loss is less than the probable expense of the remedy.

The matter will be brought to the attention of congress at the coming session, and the mining states and territories, may have influence enough there, to bring this upstart defier of law to his senses.

The episode however illustrates very clearly the growing disposition of our executive officers, to consider themselves the irresponsible masters rather than the servants of the people. The more especially, if they can hope that an official life spent in the service of their incorporated owners, will secure them after their political deaths, a large annual income, in the nature of a pension, but under the name of an "annual retainer."

We have established a rule, which will go into effect Oct. 1st, viz: "No money no paper." Our books are heavily freighted with names of parties who haven't paid a cent on subscription. This we cannot stand. It would break up a Vanderbilt. This notice appears as well to those at a distance as at home, and with a louder report, inasmuch as we have to pay postage on the paper of all foreign subscribers. (i) Some in the states take our paper because we have been a long time friend of theirs, but such friendship would bust a well developed gold mine, which we haven't got. Friends, far and near, will please take notice that if they fail to get their LEADER, after Oct. 1st, the reason can be ascribed to their remissness in paying therefor.

The Lincoln County LEADER thinks the "Gringo & Greaser" is about the size of a burro's ear. We did not know the Major's ears had grown so. This explains what we heard—that he could sleep on one ear and wrap up in the other. The LEADER also wants us to throw our italic type out of the window.—"Can't play that on us, Major; you would yank them to White Oaks in a jiffy to gobble on to some of the important and emphatic ideas they convey."

The little "Gringo & Greaser" evidently doesn't like to be called little, or compared to the ear of a burro, and comes at us like a bucking mule. Well, boys, we hope you'll grow larger, and live to do much good for poor, bleeding, Valencia County.

The White Oaks LEADER, ought to brace up and get a patent inside. This is the advice given us by the Socorro Sun. Would act upon it if we were in the habit of filling space with dispatches paid for by other publishers, instead of with matter duly credited to the proper authors. Sabe!

MR. KEEGAN, part proprietor of the Smelter at Red Cloud, arrived here on Wednesday and left on Thursday for Santa Fe County, there to procure a blower, which it was found essential to the successful working of the smelter. The blower will be on the ground and in place in two weeks. Mr. K. is cheerful and hopeful.

BLACK DIAMONDS.

"Down in the Coal Mines."

We have never heard or read of a section of country in which mineral was so lavishly and promiscuously distributed as in the immediate vicinity of White Oaks. On two sides of us, gold, silver, and copper ores crop out of the ground inviting money and muscle to extract them from their native beds and pour them into the coffers of the monetary world, while on the other two sides coal croppings look at the prospector with large black, and lustrous eyes.

It will be remembered that last spring Maj. Gordon, himself largely interested in the coal trade, east, and a coal expert of vast experience, came hither in the interest of the El Paso & White Oaks R. R. Co., to investigate our coal resources and "catch on" to any valuable claims purchasable. He visited the coal mine contiguous to our camp, known as the "Williams' Bros' coal mine," which completely captivated the Maj., and he made such overtures for its purchase that they were accepted, and the mine became, and is now, the property of said R. R. corporation. We consumed considerable of the product of this mine last winter, and our every local reader will bear us out in saying that it is as good an article for cooking or coaling as any known in the country, and the supply would seem to be inexhaustible.

After selling this mine, Tom C. Williams, the senior discoverer and proprietor, felt assured that on an adjacent tract of 320 acres was buried as liberal a reserve of coal ore as the mine which he had disposed of, and accordingly entered it.—This tract we visited on Wednesday when we rode over it, and found it having one advantage over the other, viz., near its centre is as fine a spring of water as any lying out of doors anywhere. Williams and a partner or two set about sinking a shaft, which they have done to a depth of 130 feet, passing on their descent all the classes of dirt, rock and slate indicative of underlying coal, but on reaching that point they felt the necessity of machinery for further excavating, of air-pipe or wind-sail, and of more money than they possessed. We saw the debris taken out of the shaft, and agree with the proprietors that they will have a bonanza when fully developed, and hope soon to hear of their securing additional capital to unfold its deposits.

We have many friends at the east engaged in the coal trade, whose attention we call to this exaggerated article, and invite them to visit this propinquity with the view of investment, feeling satisfied that they will have reason to thank us for thus enabling them to profit.

A few days since a letter written by a sister of Dr. Lane, and addressed to her brother here, arrived, conveying information of the death of their father, which occurred in Arkansas some four weeks prior. The Dr. was absent, mining in the Tison Mountains, and the letter was sent him, but of course its receipt was so long after the demise that he did not go to the scene.

SAM CORBETT, of Lincoln, spent Saturday last in camp and did not forget to give the LEADER a call.

Location notices, and Proof of Labor blanks can be had at the LEADER office.

CHERRY WORDS FOR LINCOLN CO. MINERAL PRODUCTS.

One of the editors of the *Daily Republic*, published at Colorado Springs, Colorado, visited the Tertio, and thus discourses relative to the Red Cloud display, in issue of Aug 23d, inst.:

"In the interesting and valuable display of New Mexican minerals and ores, exhibited at the Tertio-Millennial exposition at Santa Fe, none were higher grade, or more beautiful in appearance to even the uninitiated observer, than the pyramid from Red Cloud district, New Mexico. This section forms a part of Lincoln county, and embraces the Gallinas mountains. Two years ago, they first found carbonates, and now twelve paying mines are in operation with mineral consisting of copper, silver, gold and iron, in the form of sulphides, sulphurets, carbonates and oxides."

The several gentlemen who own these claims are hampered, like many other miners in the new west by their distance from the railway, but even laboring under this disadvantage, shipment of ore from the Tenderfoot mine to Albuquerque the nearest railroad point, ninety miles away, was a success, the ore yielding a profit of \$40 per ton when all expenses were paid.

It is not, however of these mines in general, of which we would speak, but of a recent discovery in the Tenderfoot vein, (which varies from three to fifteen feet in width) at a depth of 100 feet below the surface. This was a cave of astonishing beauty, walled and domed with azure and green, malachite and azurite. We borrow a description of it from Mr. William Niven, commissioner of the Red Cloud district at Santa Fe, telling of "the wonderful brilliancy and rich appearance of this subterranean palace, fifty feet in length, from six to twelve feet in width, and grandly rising to a height of sixty feet. The walls and roof are completely covered by the most gorgeous crystallizations, interspersed with malachite and azurite; and long lines of stalactites of every imaginable color and shape, sparkling like a thousand gems, form a scene of rare grandeur, which baffles the power of description."

The specimens from this cave were a source of constant interest to visitors at Santa Fe. We have never seen anything more beautiful in the mineral world. There were flat, slab-like pieces of the incrustation, vivid green, and overlaid with crystallization pale Nile green in tint. Some masses were smooth and glistening like satin spar, and of a delicate salmon pink, in others the dark green was thickly streaked with vivid blue. The display attracted the attention of a wealthy gentleman in Santa Fe, and at the close of the exposition, he purchased it entire and is having a large cabinet built for its accommodation, so that it will prove a permanent attraction in the old city. In the future this unique colored cave, when the railroad opens a door to it, will doubtless be a resort for tourists, and is another proof of the strange and inexhaustible riches which lie under our feet in this bountifully dowered west.

All persons indebted to Jake Miller, are respectfully requested to call and settle their accounts, as he is closing out to quit the business.

CHANDLER expects to renew operations on his mill the last of next week.

Two small mules for sale, suitable for buggy or light work. Apply at Billiard Hall.